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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere. Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, July 6.—Mr. Marion Seymour, of Hastings, Fla., is spending some time with his friend, Elliot O'Neal.

There was a picnic at Youmans's mill, given in honor of the house party guests at Duck Branch place, on the 4th. All seemed to have spent a delightful day.

Mr. George Sanders gave a barbecue dinner on the 4th to the laborers on his plantation. All passed off nicely and good order prevailed.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Williams, of our town, were active in getting up a fish fry for friends and relatives who live in Bamberg county. The most industrious of those who fished were: L. M. Ayer, Chas. Ayer, L. G. Ayer, H. B. Ayer, G. E. Smoak, G. L. Gohagen, J. P. Harter, Jno. Platts, A. M. Williams, and C. A. Kinard. There were eighty-two guests, ladies and all, who partook of the delicious feast that was spread and yet there were enough fish left to supply ten families with a good mess, three hundred and fifty-five being the number caught! Can Barnwell beat that?

The Misses Johnston and Miss Peeples, of Estill, were recent guests of Miss Anny Moyer.

Miss Mattie Matthis, of Early Branch, is visiting Mrs. Maude Wideman.

Mrs. Carrie Rutland, a recent bride, is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. O'Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Youmans, Jr., were "at home" to quite a number of guests on Wednesday evening, in honor of Miss Elizabeth Woodward, of Valdosta, Ga. All reported a most delightful evening.

The condition of Mrs. Mary Reed, who was partially paralyzed several weeks ago, is still quite serious.

Mrs. Dr. Addison and little daughter are spending some time in Augusta with Mrs. Luquire.

Crops are very fine in this section—both corn and cotton.

More Money for Carriers.

Washington, July 9.—The 40,000-odd rural free delivery carriers in the United States are to receive salary increases as a result of an order issued to-day by Postmaster General Hitchcock. The order provides for the disbursement during the current fiscal year of \$4,000,000, which will mean an increase for all carriers.

Congress provided last session for the expenditure of this extra \$4,000,000, but left it to the discretion of the postmaster general as to how much of it should be expended. Mr. Hitchcock decided to-day to authorize the expenditure of the full amount.

His desire to compensate the carriers for any additional burden which may be placed on them, if the parcel post system he has recommended for rural routes is approved by congress, was the important consideration, Mr. Hitchcock declared to-day, which led him to make the authorization.

The rural delivery system was started 15 years ago with 83 carriers who were paid only \$200 a year. On July 1 there were 41,562 carriers, their aggregate salaries being \$35,793,000.

31,000 Operatives Return to Work.

Boston, July 10.—More than 31,000 operatives employed in textile mills in various parts of New England, resumed work to-day after shutdowns of varying lengths in accordance with the policy of curtailing production adopted by the mill managements.

At Manchester, N. H., 18,000 operatives returned to their machines in the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company's mills, after a lay-off of ten days.

Six thousand hands went back to the mills in Biddeford, Maine, after two weeks of idleness and more than 7,000 employees in mills at Clinton, Chicopee and Ware, Mass., resumed work.

Carolina Pardon Record.

The governor has been in office since January 17, and since that time he has granted executive clemency in 171 cases. Pardons, 98; pardons, 73. During the four years of the administration of Gov. Ansel 87 pardons were granted and the records show that he granted 38 pardons during the last two years of his office.

COST OF LIVING.

High Price Shown by Business Reports—Increase of 4 per cent.

Washington, July 8.—The high cost of living is no myth. An investigation by the bureau of labor of the prices of 257 commodities during 1910 shows that wholesale prices in that year were 4 per cent. higher than in 1909, and 1.6 per cent. above the average of 1907, which was the year of highest prices since 1890. In view of the Canadian reciprocity discussion an interesting item in the bureau report shows that the wholesale price of farm products was 7.5 per cent higher in 1910 than in 1909.

Wholesale prices in 1910 were 19.1 per cent. higher than in 1900; 46.7 per cent. higher than 1897 (which was the year of lowest prices between 1890 and 1910.) The highest prices in this decade were reached in October, 1907, when a general decline began, which continued until August, 1908.

Rise Continued.

A rise then set in and there were monthly increases without a break up to March, 1910, when wholesale prices reached the highest point in 20 years. They were then 21.1 per cent higher than the average of 1900.

Then followed a slight decline, and from June to December, 1910, prices remained nearly level, and at the close of the calendar year 1910 they were still 30 per cent. higher than the ten-year average between 1890 and 1900. Of the 257 commodities considered in the investigation, 143 showed an average increase, 26 showed no change and 83 showed decreases.

Some Details.

Prices of lumber and building materials increased 10.7 per cent.; farm products 7.5 per cent.; drugs 4.1 per cent.; foodstuffs 3.2 per cent.; clothing 2.7 per cent.; and the miscellaneous group of commodities 5.7 per cent. House furnishings decreased 0.1 per cent., and fuel and light 3 per cent.

Some extraordinary variations were recorded during 1910. Potatoes increased 300 per cent.; eggs 90 per cent.; coffee 60 per cent.; mess beef 35 per cent.

THREE LIVES LOST.

Terrific Wind and Hail Storm Does \$100,000 Damage.

Washington, Ga., July 6.—Three lives lost and a property damage of \$100,000 is the result of a terrific wind and hail storm that swept over the northern portion of Wilkes and Lincoln counties Monday afternoon.

The path of the storm was approximately four miles wide and ten long, embracing the larger portion of the plantations of several big planters of Wilkes and Lincoln, among them being M. A. Pharr, J. O. and N. B. Chenault, D. J. Muse, B. J. DuBose and J. M. Harper.

The havoc of the hail is without a parallel in this section and unusual this late in the year. On the farm of Mr. Pharr, for example, where seventeen plows are run, there is not left standing on the entire place a stalk of cotton or of corn. A field of 100 acres is nothing but broken stalks now about a foot high.

In the worst affected sections the hail stripped the foliage of the woods and fields, destroyed the fruit, killed hogs and poultry in the barnyard and rabbits and birds in the field.

During the storm lightning instantly killed three negro women in the same house.

So marvelous were the statements of the disaster that interested Washington citizens would not believe the reports until several parties returned last night from the scene with assurance that the picture had not been overdrawn.

May Ask for Felder.

It is rumored that the dispensary commission is discussing the advisability of requesting Gov. Smith of Georgia to honor requisition papers for T. B. Felder, the Atlanta attorney, wanted in this State by the governor on the charge of attempting to bribe a State official and with conspiracy to defraud the State of South Carolina. The commission held a long executive session here on Saturday, and it is said that the Felder requisition question was generally discussed, but no definite action was taken.

The Newberry county grand jury refused to indict T. B. Felder on the charges presented, and the governor has offered a reward of \$200 for his apprehension. Gov. Brown of Georgia refused to honor requisition papers a few days before retiring from office.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

Tuesday morning an accident happened at the plant of the Aiken Ice company, which came near costing the life of a colored man. Frank Brunson had stopped at the plant and while there in some way fell into a receptacle filled with boiling water. One of his legs was almost cooked up to his hip, and he suffered great pain.

Sheriff Corley on Wednesday seized six gallons of whiskey from Wm. Berley, a prominent Lexingtonian, just as he crossed the Columbia bridge on his way home with it. Will Lorick, a negro, was with him. They were both carried before a magistrate and bound over to the circuit court; the white man on the charge of selling, the negro on the charge of transporting.

Charlie Baughman, of Shuler's Siding, Lexington county, is in Knowlton's hospital, Columbia, with his jaw bone broken in several places and practically all of his lower teeth gone, the result of injuries sustained by jumping from the Southern's passenger train near his home Saturday afternoon while in a drunken condition and while the train was in motion. John Goodwin is at his home at Styx suffering from injuries received at the hands of Baughman, it being alleged that Baughman struck Goodman over the head with a quart bottle of liquor just before jumping from the train.

FOR REFUND COTTON TAX.

Money for South Carolinians if Clayton's Bill Passes.

Washington, July 10.—Representative Clayton, of Alabama, has introduced in the house of representatives a bill providing for the refund of the cotton tax collected by the United States government from citizens of various States during the years from 1867 to 1868, inclusive. Under the terms of the bill South Carolina would receive a refund of \$4,172,420. The measure was referred to the committee on war claims, of which Representative Jas. F. Byrnes is a member.

Death Sentence Commuted.

As predicted the governor has commuted the death sentence of Joe Bates to life imprisonment. Bates was convicted in Spartanburg county two years ago for the murder of Dacia Boiter, a young white woman, and was sentenced to hang. His case was affirmed by the supreme court and he later made a plea of insanity. A lunacy commission examined him and dismissed the plea.

Bates is a former Spartanburg policeman. The young girl that he killed was his paramour. She married and several days afterwards Bates went to her home and killed her. The governor visited Bates in his cell in the Spartanburg county jail several days ago.

Seaboard Trains Into Florence.

Florence, July 8.—The construction of the Seaboard road has advanced to the Coast Line tracks in Florence and the question of crossing the Coast Line will be a live issue again. Judging by the experience in Darlington, there will be no obstacles thrown in the way, and it is expected that the road will be running trains into Florence in a few weeks, as the track is surfaced.

The gang of graders has been sent from Florence to Mullins, where the construction of the road on to Georgetown will be continued. There is an unauthorized rumor that the Seaboard will make a connection with the Dargan road to Pamlico and be pushed further on to Savage in the lower part of this county, where connection will be made with the road being extended from Mullins and the one now nearly completed from Rosemary to Savage.

BLACKWELL RELEASED.

Warrant Against Waterloo Township Man Withdrawn.

Laurens, July 10.—The prosecutor and others interested in the case having consented to withdraw the warrant, J. D. Blackwell, the Waterloo township citizen who was committed to jail a few days ago, charged with an unnatural offense, was today released from the custody of the sheriff.

CURSES ALABAMA GOVERNOR.

Court-martial in Store for National Guard Captain.

Montgomery, July 6.—George H. Todd, of Montgomery, captain of Battery B, 2nd regiment, Alabama National Guard, was ejected from the camp at Picket Springs to-night by Col. Bricken and a company of infantry, for cursing the governor, the adjutant general and his fellow officers. A court-martial will be ordered in his case.

Todd was thrown from his horse when a salute was being fired in honor of the visit of Gov. O'Neal to the camp. It made him angry and because the men at the gun laughed at him, he swore they should not complete the firing nor should they lower the flag. Capt. Lewis, of the Tuskegee company, officer of the day, ordered the salute to go on and when Todd attempted to interfere, placed him under arrest.

At a consultation held later, Adj. Gen. Scully told Col. Bricken to do what he thought best and a guard was ordered to escort Todd to the outskirts of the camp. The affair caused a great sensation.

KILLS WIFE AND SELF.

Double Tragedy in Which Separated Couple are Victims.

Farley, Ala., July 6.—While officers were approaching to arrest him on a trial charge, Roy Morris, a farmer 25 years old, to-day shot his wife seven times, killing her. He then turned his pistol on himself, putting two bullets into his body, dying instantly.

The couple had been separated for some time and Morris had called on his wife, at her father's home, in an effort to effect a reconciliation.

HOKE SMITH FOR SENATOR.

Governor of Georgia is Assured of the Promotion.

Atlanta, July 11.—Gov. Hoke Smith will go to the United States Senate to fill out the unexpired term of the late Senator A. S. Clay.

A total vote of 127 was cast for Gov. Smith to-day in the two houses of the general assembly, balloting separately for senator. A vote of 115 is necessary to elect on joint ballot. Mr. Smith failed of election to-day only by two votes in the senate, he receiving twenty-one of the twenty-three votes necessary to a choice. His friends declare that the vote will be practically unanimous at the joint session to-morrow.

Senator J. M. Terrell, who was appointed by Gov. Brown to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Clay during recess of the legislature, received fifty-three votes in the two houses. Pleasant A. Stovall, the Savannah editor, ran next, with a total of nineteen votes in the two houses. Judge W. A. Covington polled fourteen votes in the two houses, and Thomas E. Watson received five, all being cast in the house.

When it became apparent that Gov. Smith would be elected for the senate by a good-sized majority, friends and supporters flocked to the governor's office at the capitol and began showering congratulations upon him. Gov. Smith received his visitors with face beaming. He declared, however, that he would have no statement for the press to-day.

The vote in the two houses was as follows: Senate—Smith, 21; Terrell, 17; Stovall, 2; Covington, 4; Watson, 0.

House—Smith, 106; Terrell, 36; Stovall, 17; Covington, 10; Watson, 5.

Auto Explodes.

Grant's Pass, Ore., July 7.—A family automobile party, touring from Portland to San Francisco, ended near Crescent City, Oregon, yesterday when the machine's fuel tank exploded, fatally burning one young woman and inflicting serious injuries upon her sister, father and two little brothers for whose protection she gave her life. The dead is Myrna Kelly. The injured: J. B. Kelly, Myrna's father, Miss Angela Kelly, Hobart Kelly, Homer Kelly, all of San Francisco.

A bump in the road struck the bottom of the car stripping the gear and tearing loose the gasoline tank. As the car sprang forward fire from the burners streamed back, touching the tank. An explosion followed and flames enveloped the tonneau.

Myrna Kelly, with her arms around her six and eight year-old brothers, crowded them down in the car but was herself caught by the full blast of the fire. She died late last night.

WHO SHOT R. GRIFFITH?

PROBABLE TRAGEDY NEAR COLUMBIA UNION STATION.

Nephew of Penitentiary Director Griffith Probably Receives Fatal Wound—Others Injured.

Columbia, July 6.—In a shooting scrape near the union depot early this evening, the details of which are difficult to obtain at this time, four men received gunshot wounds more or less serious, and one of them Rhett Griffith, belonging to a prominent family, is thought to have received injuries which may cause his death, having received at close range a charge of buckshot from a shotgun believed to have been in the hands of Charles B. Stone.

The others wounded are Policeman James C. Moore, shot through the shoulder with a pistol bullet; a young mill operative named W. H. Hyden, and an unknown negro, who in the excitement went away in search of surgical attention. Young Griffith and Policeman Moore are at the Columbia Hospital, and City Physician Manny M. Rice thinks Griffith has small chance of recovery.

Accounts Conflicting.

The shooting occurred at Heriot's meat market, and accounts are conflicting, but most of them agree that in a fusillade between Griffith, armed with a pistol and Stone, who carried a shotgun, Hyden received the first shot through the right hand, the negro was hit, Griffith received a charge of buckshot, and Policeman Moore was hit while trying to stop the shooting. Stone is in the police lockup, unhurt.

Developments to-night indicate that this affray will produce one more Columbia homicide mystery. Recorder Verner, after an examination, held in \$500 bond, as a material witness, James V. Heriot, manager of the beef market and grocery owned by J. B. Heriot & Co., where the shooting occurred. Ball was given by J. B. Heriot, father of J. V. Heriot. The bond is returnable to-morrow morning, when the hearing will likely be continued. Rhett Griffith is not expected to live through the night.

Two Theories Advanced.

There are two theories for the shooting, as developed by the examination of witnesses to-night by Chief of Police W. C. Cathcart and Recorder Jas. S. Verner. One theory is that Rhett Griffith and his brother, Hanson Griffith, both drinking, appeared on the block and started a quarrel with Charles Stone, who was employed in the Heriot establishment as clerk; that Rhett Griffith, armed with a pistol, opened fire on Stone from the Schumpert barber shop, Stone standing in the door of the Heriot market, next door; that Stone under fire, ran back into the Heriot place, picked up a shotgun, loaded with buckshot and fired once in return, mortally wounding Rhett Griffith, who fired twice after he had fallen. This is the story told by James Heriot, who thinks that Policeman Moore, across the street, was hit by one of the shots which Griffith fired after he had fallen. Stone himself has not been questioned.

Hanson Griffith, brother to Rhett Griffith, told recorder Verner to-night that he himself did not see the actual shooting, being in the barber shop next door, but in the quarrel Charles Stone was the aggressor.

Coincides with Police View.

Hackman Braswell said that James Heriot, when the quarrel commenced, handed a shotgun to Stone, saying, "You use this," and Heriot himself picked up a revolver and threw the scabbard away. This supports the police theory, that Heriot himself participated in the shooting and perhaps fired the shot which struck Policeman Moore across the street.

Stone has been repeatedly in trouble with the police. He and William Meetze made an attack several years ago on W. H. McCaw, a local newspaper man, and later Stone and James Heriot were actors in a lively fight on Assembly street. Stone was for a time connected with a "social club," which the police drove out of business. The Griffiths are nephews of Capt. D. J. Griffith, superintendent of the State penitentiary. Rhett Griffith, a weaver in the Richland Cotton Mills, has a wife, formerly Mrs. Helen Coleman, now a patient in the State hospital for the insane. Hanson Griffith, his brother, has been employed as a detective by an agency here managed by George S. Ogg.

While at work at the Winnsboro granite quarry on Friday, Rex Caine, a young white man, was instantly killed by having his head crushed between a beam and a cog-wheel. He was from Wilmington, N. C.

STABBING AT BRANDON MILL.

C. F. McColl Seriously Wounded by A. L. Pittman.

Greenville, July 10.—In a desperate condition from the effects of eight deep knife wounds, inflicted by one A. L. Pittman, C. F. McColl, boss spinner at the Brandon cotton mills, hovers between death and life at his residence, in the Brandon mill village. The trouble took place yesterday morning about half-past 6 o'clock, when Mr. McColl was approached by Pittman, in the spinning room of the mill, in reference to Mrs. Pittman's connection with the mill.

Pittman was lodged in jail early yesterday morning, and will probably not be admitted to bail until there is a very decided change for the better in Mr. McColl's condition.

AND THIS IN OLD OHIO.

Mob Thirsts for Blood of Girl's Alleged Assailant.

Massillon, Ohio, July 10.—With the cries of "hang him," "lynch the brute," a mob of several hundred gathered in the northern part of this city to-day and threatened to wreak vengeance upon Harvey Mickens, a negro, who is accused of having attacked Myrtle Evans, a 16-year-old white girl. The negro was captured by a posse that chased him for several miles upon a handcar. A crowd surrounded the city jail and made a demonstration of violence, but was quickly repelled by the police and deputies.

News of the attempted assault had gained with currency and intense excitement prevailed, as the members of the posse, with their prisoner, arrived in the police station this evening. The county and city authorities, anticipating an outbreak, had ordered the entire police force to the city prison, and, supplementing this force, a large number of special deputies had been sworn in.

Later to-night Mickens was spirited away to the county jail, at Canton, for safe-keeping.

Infant Killed by White Woman.

Gaffney, July 10.—News reached this city yesterday from Blacksburg to the effect that a killing had taken place near there on the plantation of a man named Mack Byars. A woman named Mrs. Frances Sarraatt, wife of Ira Sarraatt, had killed a negro baby two years old, named Ruth Duncan, daughter of a negro woman named Flora Duncan. The coroner, accompanied by Sheriff Thomas and Deputy Sheriffs Henry Lockhart and Joe Watkins, at once went to the scene where an inquest was held. The affair occurred in the middle of the road in front of Mack Byars' house. Byars is a brother of the woman who did the shooting. The affair occurred in the country, about three miles from Blacksburg and about 13 miles from Gaffney.

At the coroner's inquest held late yesterday afternoon, the facts were related as follows. Lil Duncan, the negro woman, stated that Ira Sarraatt, husband of the woman who did the shooting, and Pete Byars, another brother of the woman, both white men, came to her house in the afternoon and announced their intention of spending the night there. She stated however, that within a short time the entire party decided to go to Blacksburg and that she accompanied them, the trip being made in a buggy. They returned from Blacksburg shortly after dark and she stopped at the home of her mother, the two men leaving her there. It seems that about 1 o'clock she, in company with another negro woman, started to her home but when she reached the cross roads she saw Mrs. Sarraatt approaching with a double-barreled shotgun in her hand. The Duncan woman states that when she saw Mrs. Sarraatt raise the gun she shifted the baby from her right arm to her left in order to protect it from the shot which she felt sure would be fired but as this was done the entire load took effect in the baby's head and side, death being almost instantaneous. The coroner's jury returned a verdict that the child came to its death by a gun shot wound, the instrument being in the hands of Frances Sarraatt. It is generally supposed that the shooting was done with intention of killing Lil Duncan and was caused by the ride which the negro woman took with Ira Sarraatt, husband of the accused woman. Notwithstanding the fact that a diligent search was made by Sheriff Thomas and his deputies for the woman who did the shooting, up to this time she has not been apprehended although her arrest is momentarily expected.